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**BOX REISSUE APPLICATION**  
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Presented for filing is a new original patent application of:

U.S. Patent No.: 5,690,676  
Issued: November 25, 1997  
Applicant: DiPoto et al.  
Title: SUTURE ANCHOR AND DRIVE ASSEMBLY

This application is for a reissue of U.S. Patent No. 5,690,676, filed August 1, 1995, Serial No. 08/509,966, and issued November 25, 1997.

Enclosed are the following papers, including those required to receive a filing date under 37 CFR §1.53(b):

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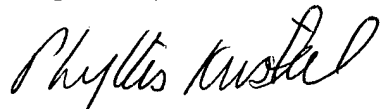
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REQUEST FOR TRANSFER OF ORIGINAL DRAWINGS

It is respectfully requested that the original drawings in Applicant's U.S. Patent No. 5,690,676, issued November 25, 1997 to Smith & Nephew, Inc., entitled SUTURE ANCHOR AND DRIVE ASSEMBLY, be transferred to this reissue application.

No fee is believed necessary. However, please charge any necessary fees to Deposit Account No. 06-1050, Our Ref. 00167/368001.

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